

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

We, Kenneth R. Rosensteel, Jr., William Lawrance and Howard Hagan hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **"Method and Data Processing System Providing File I/O Across Multiple Heterogeneous Computer Systems"** described and claimed in the attached specification;

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and

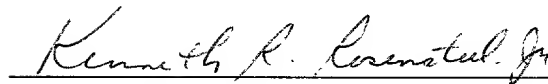
We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

We hereby declare that all statements made hereby of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby appoint John S. Solakian (Reg. No. 25,087) and Bruce E. Hayden (Reg. No. 35,539) our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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